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## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

# U.S. Losing War, Hanoi Said to Feel

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The latest intelligence reports indicate that Hanoi has no intention of settling the war in Indochina at the conference table.

Laos, Cambodia and South probably disengage Vietnam are coordinated by Hanoi.

the word, according to one se- war in Indochina. cret CIA cable, "that the U.S. are now joined together to (Royal Lao Government) and troduction of Chinese Army fight the U.S openly any. Lon Nol 'puppets' (Cambodia). where in Indochina."

"Vanna said that the RLG where in Indochina."

A typical cadre briefing was U.S. Elections given recently by a high-rank- "If Nixon wins the 1972 U.S. tired of war, and the Lao peoing Pathet Lao colonel named elections, the N.S. (is expected) ple want a peace settlement, a Vanna at a secret site in the to conduct a longer and more Muong Phalane area of Laos, vigorous Indochina war. If the The CIA was able to get a de- Democrats win, then the U.S. tailed, 18-page account of the can be expected to terminate secret meeting.

"Vanna said that the U.S. is losing the war in South Viet- the U.S. will eventually disen- though nam and that is the reason gage, and the U.S. elections troops are tired of fighting President Nixon is disengag-will only indicate whether it and PL (Pathet Lao) forces ing from Indochina," recounts will disengage more quickly or are nearly equal to FAR in

"Also, the U.S. Congress and

"He added that the joining Vietnam.'" of Cambodia with Vietnam The secret CIA summary and Loas in common battle also contained an ominous against the U.S. has united In- hint that the Pathet Lao

dochina, and that the three might call Chinese troops into countries as a united force Laos if the government continwill openly fight the U.S. any- ues to use Thai troops. At where in Indochina.

"Vanna commented, however, that ... the U.S. with- Laotian Army inside Laos. It is also evident that the drawal will not be easily aclatest Communist drives in complished. The U.S. will occasions," continued the CIA sively in order to show its front) has refused Communist Communist cadres in all strength to the world and to Chinese proposals to liberate three countries are spreading show that it has not lost the Laos' on the grounds that

withdrawal from Indochina is U.S. will not admit defeat and tinued or increased infusion of only a matter of time and that will continue its 'support' to Royal Thai Army troops into the three states of Indochina the South Vietnamese, RLG Laos could result in the in-

the war more quickly.

In any event, he explained, more slowly.

"Vanna noted that the U.S. people have openly North Vietnamese allies readvocated the withdrawal of main firmly committed to Ho U.S. forces from Indochina! Chi Minh's advice to 'vanquish and the reduction of aid to the the Americans and be true to government of South Vietnam. the historic missions of North

present, approximately 4,000 Thais are fighting with the

"Vanna said that on several aggres- report, "the NLHS (Communist world tensions would probably "Vanna explained that the result. However, he said con-

(Royal Lao Government) is unified Laos and an opportunity to reconstruct the coun-

try," added the CIA report.
"The Lao armed forces, however, are not expected to give up the battle easily, al-FAR (government) strength.

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